Satan's Cloaked Kingdom

"What this means is a simple truth has been consistently hidden in a mass of glamour or Glossa, to confound the minds and thus the hearts of man, while keeping them entrenched in a limited grasp on world events, historical and current, which is handed on a plate through TV and the media in all nations without the public having to go and do anything." [1]

I wonder how much more we would actively and deliberately choose to live for God daily if we understood the immensity of Satan's multi-faceted, cloaked kingdom? Surely, his is a highly structured, militarily-organized kingdom that engages with and impacts the way the world moves?

While Satan's kingdom is, to be sure, fully under God's scrutiny and ultimate control, it seems clear from various portions of Scripture that Satan has a good amount of freedom to do as he will. The first chapter of Job bears this out when the enemy of our souls responds to God's question as to where he (Satan) has been with, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it" (NKJV). It is likely where Peter got the same idea about Satan's movements (1 Peter 5:8). God clearly knew what Satan had been up to but you'll note that Satan had to "report" his movements to God. Coming before God was Satan's accountability and reproof.

In reality, Satan does not merely walk around, *observing*. On the contrary, it seems very clear from Scripture that Satan is intimately involved in the goings on with earth's global society. We see the effects of his actions and deceptions throughout society.

If we could actually see just how intricate Satan's kingdom is and how much and well he has successfully infiltrated human society with his human agents apparently working for him at every level, we would not soon likely believe that it is the Christian's job to help overcome that kingdom on behalf of God. Our job is to stand against it, yes (Eph 6:13). We do so by fulfilling the Great Commission of Matthew 28 and by allowing God's Word to penetrate the depths of our souls in order to bring our lives into conformity to His will, thereby bringing Him glory day in and day out.

I believe God has allowed Satan to create a highly militarized and efficient kingdom so that he might actually at some future point believe he has everything he needs to take on God Himself and even *ousting* God from His abundantly high position as Creator of all things. Of course, the more people who will join Satan in attempting to unseat God, the greater Satan thinks his chances of victory.

What I'm saying is that on one hand, Satan has been building his massive and intricate kingdom since his fall. Because of the fall of our first parents, Satan has become intertwined with this world's ultimate judgment that will occur with planet Earth and will include Satan's own demise. He cannot escape. His judgment is sure and coming. Jesus pointed out because of His resurrection, Satan was judged and his works destroyed. This is a done deal, yet remains future tense.

Yet, in spite of this surety, Satan continues to work to unseat God as though he is not under judgment or can *change* the outcome. That has always been his goal as found in Isaiah 14. These are the same musings that direct his steps to this very moment we call today. Satan, the *created*, has absolutely no chance of dethroning God, the *uncreated*.

However, I wonder if we Christians tend to minimize not only Satan's *power*, but his *tactics*? Shouldn't we instead assume that in spite of this eternal sentence yet to be officially pronounced upon him, Satan would do everything he could to prove God a liar? In fact, hasn't this always been his goal? Of course it has and it behooves Christians to understand that Satan will stop at nothing in his attempts to unseat God until God Himself with finality, stops him.

In the meantime while we wait (and work), we know there is a very highly detailed, intricately woven, massive militarized invisible underworld with Satan at the very head of the entire organization, which spills over into our physical realm at nearly every level. Is this why Peter tells his readers to "...not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you" (1 Peter 4:12)?

It's almost as though we should *expect* these things to happen to us because of Satan and his kingdom that is growing phenomenally in these days in preparation for his final battle against God Himself. We Christians are in his way simply because we are Christians.

I was reading a very long and thorough article "<u>The Aldobrandini, Lucifer And Its Servants</u>," that a reader sent me, about the various yet interlinked "globalist" families which have existed since the 3rd or 4th centuries. If only half of what the author states is true (and much is documented), then it is truly eye-opening just how vast and multi-layered it all is for us to consider.

In reality, it is difficult *not* to believe that Satan has worked very hard to create an underworld not seen by the average person even when the human puppets he uses are also not seen by the average person and unknown to us by name. It is also difficult to *not* believe that this multifaceted organization is not truly in control of things that we see throughout society.

For instance, we need look no further than the political landscape as well as the media in general to see how these areas along with the field of entertainment has gone from supporting the family in the 1940's/50's to completely trashing it and redefining it today, to understand

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that this is not the work of just one or two billionaires here or there. No, it is the work of tremendously large factions (often separate though united), all dedicated to the power of Lucifer and live to elevate him and him alone.

We're all familiar with the name "Rothschild" or "Rockefeller" but how many names are we *not* at all familiar with who likely wield more power than these two, yet remain in the shadows? These are likely the real purveyors of power that mold and shape society.

I am suggesting that if we are *unaware* of the degree to which Satan has gained control over people and groups of people, we will fail to comprehend just exactly how much Satan works through many powerful people in society to accomplish his will. In doing so, we will be tempted to focus on *people* rather than on the *enemy* who works through them. This does not mean those people are guiltless. It means that they are fully deceived and owned by Satan himself. It also means we need to pray for these people though they may never realize their egregious error until they stand before God.

Again, this also does not mean that we study Satanism or seek to see beneath the veil that separates us from that dark world. I'm simply saying that as Paul categorically stated (because he *understood*), that he was not *unaware* of Satan's schemes (2 Corinthians 2:11), we too, should be aware of the areas in society that Satan has a very strong grip and how Satan uses those areas to gain more control.

We should also come to understand that God is not going to "save" society, whether it's the USA or some other nation. Ultimately, all will be judged and this is where we are heading. However, God will continue to save *individuals* out of this growing darkness into His wonderful Light. It is our job to tell them.

If we understand exactly how Satan gained control of many things, we will at the same time become more able to appreciate just how much more *God* controls. My point is not that Satan is a defeated foe. While that is completely *true*, in the <u>present</u>, he is allowed to act as though he is *not at all defeated*. This is a crucial difference to understand because it alerts us to the real issue: our need to constantly rely on God, His strength, grace and discernment to do proper battle with our biggest enemy, the battle for *people's souls*.

The real problem is not society or even the people in it. Both are *victims*. The real problem is Satan and what he accomplishes through people of this world (because of our fallen nature and propensity to sin), that allow Satan's final global kingdom to take its place in future world history.

I just wonder if we are too comfortable, too dismissive, and too careless as we walk through this world? Is it possible?

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We live in a very rural area of the state. The less populated the area, the greater the chance of seeing poisonous snakes because they don't like people and do their best to stay away. As we walk through fields for exercise and enjoyment, we'd be stupid if we did not consider the fact that under each nearby rock there could be a copper head or rattler. Certainly, during winter, this is much less likely to occur because of hibernation. However, when the weather warms up, even those fields most familiar to us can hold surprises if we are not careful. It means we need to be on our guard all the time because if we are not, disaster could strike. I constantly look for dangers as I walk. Instead of scaring me, I am simply more aware.

By way of another illustration, our area also has fire ants. They're dangerous if a person has allergies to them. They are just under the surface of the ground and are seen by the piles of dirt they create as they tunnel. Eliminating one ant hill does not mean eliminating the entire network of fire ant colonies. There are likely billions of them under the ground. It would be stupid to think that by eradicating one ant hill, I've eliminated all the ants living under ground. Because of this, I never walk in my yard barefoot. Fire ants are notorious for stinging bites and they will keep biting. They've been known to swarm over chickens and sting them until they die. I always have to be on guard when I'm in the yard.

Christians need to understand that Satan's kingdom is organized like a military hierarchy. Paul tells us that he is the prince of the power of the air and under him are powers, principalities and rulers of the air.

For by (God) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. (Col 1:16)

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Eph 6:12)

The above verses provide a glimpse into the unseen world of Satan's multi-leveled kingdom. We also see glimpses of this unseen world in passages from the Old Testament like the book of Daniel as one example.

What should this information do for us? What should the reality of Satan's actual kingdom help us realize?

- We are under attack whether we think so or not
- We will be in danger of falling if we are not aware of that possibility
- Satan's kingdom is set against God and therefore against us

- We will likely never understand (in this life), the full portent of Satan's power and how he works through so many humans who have given themselves to him
- While understanding Satan is ultimately a defeated foe, we must still walk through life with the understanding that while God upholds us, Satan seeks our destruction
- We are in the battle whether we think or feel we are

Ask yourself the following two questions:

- What is God's purpose for your life?
- What is Satan's purpose for your life?

We either live the one or the other and if we are not actively living the *first* option, by default we are living the *second*.

Make no mistake. Satan works very hard to bring about his own will throughout the earth and untold many are completely and knowingly sold out to him. Others are his unwilling puppets.

[1] https://thebridgelifeinthemix.info/history/in-profile-the-aldobrandini-lucifer-and-its-servants/